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Cultural awareness takes root at school

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CAMP LESTER — Lester Middle School held a cultural awareness celebration for the 2009 Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, May 29 on Camp Lester.

The two-hour long event began at 12:30 p.m. and attracted more than 400 parents, teachers, friends and fellow students to the school's gymnasium.

"This event was held to help promote and encourage diversity in our school and celebrate the culture, history and heritage of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month," said Earnestine Delaney, the multicultural events coordinator for LMS. "For every culture here, we like to do a cultural heritage celebration."

The performance helped spread cultural awareness about the Philippines, China, Polynesia and Japan through folk dances, martial arts demonstrations and events unique to the heritage of each featured Asian culture.

The Amelia Earhart Intermediate School Firebird Taiko drummers and a martial arts demonstration brought

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Lester Middle School students performed the Wu long Dragon Dance during a cultural awareness celebration for the 2009 Asian Pacific American Heritage month, Friday at Camp Lester Middle School. Photo by Staff Sgt. Marc R. Ayalin

Martial Arts Sparring with Pros



Grand Master Masahiro Nakamoto, left, who is at a height disadvantage as compared to his opponent, Takashi Nakamori, demonstrates to Camp Foster Marines how to utilize traditionally-inhibiting physical traits to their advantage when sparring at Gunner's Gym, May 17. The men, who were accompanied by fellow international martial arts champions Morikazu Kyan and Mamoru Nakamoto, were invited to spend the morning teaching Marines a few basic moves from various styles of Okinawan-based martial arts fighting styles. All four of the martial arts masters are also international champions. "(This is) part of an on-going effort to educate our Marines on Okinawan culture and spirit through martial arts fostering a cooperative and respectful relationship with our host nation," said Lt. Col. James Howard, the executive officer for Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, Okinawa, Japan. Photo by Cpl. Heather Golden

Marines clean for inspection before traveling down under

Lance Cpl. Michael A. Bianco

31ST MEU COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP HANSEN — This May, Australian federal quarantine workers conducted agricultural inspections of vehicles, equipment and machinery that Marines and sailors from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, III Marine Expeditionary Force, will take to Australia for Exercise Talisman Saber 2009.

The team of 12 Australian Quarantine Inspection Service (AQIS) inspectors is spread throughout Okinawa, thoroughly examining gear for the smallest particles of dirt and debris that could potentially affect the environment of the land down under.

According to their web site, www.aqis.gov.au, AQIS is the first line of defense for the country's agriculture. The government agency manages quarantine controls at Australia's borders to protect against diseases and exotic pests entering the country. Geoff Popple, the AQIS machinery coordinator, said contaminants which make it into the country could be very costly for their economy and its 32 billion dollar agricultural industry.

"Our role is to inspect imported machinery and equipment and ensure it conforms to (Australia's) federal conditions and requirements," Popple said. "Our ecosystem can be considered a fragile one, and if not maintained, the consequences to

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Medical, dental care eases ailments of Cambodians

More than 10,000 patients seen during 10-day Cambodia Interoperability Program.

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Marines train to assault beach, undetected stealth

Practice silent take down, knife techniques, camouflaging, security, signaling.

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Facing disappointment without losing sight of potential

Gunnery Sgt. Chris W. Cox

When do you give up trying? When do you give up hoping? When do you give up seeing potential in another Marine?

I moved to Okinawa a few months ago and have had the opportunity to observe and interact with many young Marines – read that as sergeants and below – at bases all over this island. Many of them have gone the extra mile working after hours or coming up with innovative ideas to prepare me for my upcoming tour in Afghanistan.

Even now, as an old salt with a few miles behind me, I am still motivated and proud of these military men and women who have chosen service above self. At work, these Marines are as professional and dependable as any I've seen in my career.

After work, however, some of them forget the rules and orders put in place to keep them and everybody else on Okinawa safe.

Maybe you know one of these Marines. Perhaps you've only heard a story about them. Either way, regardless of rank, you have a part to play.

How can you prevent your Marines from ruining their military career? One thing you can do is be a part of their life before they face a moral dilemma. Know your Marines and look out for their welfare. I'll bet if you can make them remember how disappointed folks will be if they get themselves in trouble, they'll think twice. Making your mentor proud is a strong incentive to stay out of trouble.

Even the best mentor will run into a Marine who needs that little bit of extra help or guidance when no one was around, so make sure your Marines always have a way to contact you and know that they can always call.

Even the best mentor is not available 24-7, and the opportunity to prevent a liberty incident could be missed. What do you do when your Marine or buddy is facing office hours or worse?

From a leadership perspective, one of the most distasteful things to do is dispense punishment, though it is necessary. It hurts

my heart when I have to maintain discipline and order by putting one of my Marines under the administrative whip. I would much rather spend time preparing Marines for a meritorious promotion board than the administrative

process of non-judicial punishment. This is why it is important to recognize the early warning signs.

Maybe your Marine is on restriction. Maybe he lost rank. Whatever the outcome, we all have a re-

sponsibility to support those who have lost their way and bring them back into the fold, or else set them up for success in a new career as a civilian.

Even when a Marine puts themselves on a path that leads them out of the Corps before their time, you never give up hope that they will be successful. You never quit trying to mentor and guide them. Even in the face of disappointment, you never lose sight of their potential.

Cox is a combat correspondent currently assigned to the 3rd Marine Division.

"I am still motivated and proud of these military men and women who choose service above self."

Do **you** have something to *say*?

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COLOR OF SOCKS IN CAMMIES

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What color of boot socks are authorized for wear in cammies?

A:

Coyote Brown. Beginning in 2004, the coyote brown cushion sole socks replaced the black and green cushion sole socks. Black and green socks purchased before this date may be worn until no longer serviceable, at which time they must be replaced with the regulation brown socks. For more information, see paragraph 3029 of Marine Corps Order P1020.34G, Marine Corps Uniform Regulations.

Sempertoons

"I've been there baby ... even won a Navy Cross with gold 'V' cluster. But I can't talk about it ... it's classified."



How to spot a phoney

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Guidelines outline responsible pet ownership

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CAMP FOSTER — There are many registered pets belonging to Status of Forces Agreement personnel on Okinawa, according to the staff at the U.S. Army Veterinary Treatment Facility on Kadena Air Base. Both the local government and U.S. services have established ordinances and regulations governing the registration and control of these pets.

Having pets on Okinawa is a privilege, said Army Sgt. Shayla Phyll, the military working dog and government of Japan pet import and export noncommissioned officer-in-charge, at the U.S. Army Veterinary Treatment Facility. That privilege can be taken away if SOFA personnel fail to comply with regulations.

There are various measures that must be taken to keep pets up to par with host nation and service regulations, explained Phyll.

The host nation mandates all pets are vaccinated for rabies. In addition, the U.S. services require pets have an implanted microchip. Even with current vaccinations, pets that are imported to Japan must be quarantined from 14 to 180 days to ensure they are free of rabies and other diseases, according to Phyll.

Upon arrival on Okinawa, pets can be quarantined at either Karing Kennels on Kadena Air Base or within family housing with the pets' movements restricted to indoors. Pets acquired while on the island do not have to be quarantined.



Two dogs belonging to SOFA personnel, Yogi, left and Paco, share a play date on Camp Foster base housing Tuesday. There are various rules and regulations set forth regarding pet ownership for SOFA personnel, in order to keep pets and people safe. Photo by PFC J Nava

"Japan has not had a rabies-related incident in 50 years," Phyll said. "That's why getting your pet registered and up-to-date with vaccinations is so important."

Under Japan's "Rabies Prevention Law," dog owners must report to the local municipal office and register within 30 days of acquiring their dog.

Along with Japan's pet registration requirements, there are various rules and regulations stated in Marine Corps Bases Japan Order 10570.1B regarding pet ownership for SOFA personnel. Specifically, pet owners must:

- Register and deregister all pets.
- Restrict animal movement to the quarters or fenced-in yard and ensure they are kept on a leash outside the boundaries of the owner's property. Voice commands are not considered control over a pet.
- Affix a current rabies tag to the collar to be worn by the pet at all times.

• Take all control measures necessary to prevent persons and other pets from being attacked or bitten.

In 1995, as result of a non-SOFA dog attack in Ishikawa City, Okinawa Prefecture Government established a set of guidelines for management of dogs classified as "fighting dogs," which include the American Pit Bull Terrier, "Tosa-dogs" and dogs whose body height is more than 22 inches.

According to the guidelines, fighting dogs should only be taken outside by someone who is capable of physically controlling them. All fighting dogs should be muzzled when outside. When not under direct adult control, fighting dogs should be kept in cages and chained in order to prevent them from escaping the property boundaries. Owner's should also spay or neuter their dogs not intended for breeding.

Animal owners who do not reside on a U.S. forces installation will comply

with local Japanese licensing requirements, rules and regulations regarding pets, according to both Air Force and Marine Corps regulations.

SOFA personnel who are leaving the island and are unable to bring their pets with them, must request a copy of DD form 2208, available from 18th Security Forces Squadron animal control and have it endorsed by animal control personnel and the Army veterinary service, in order to pass ownership of the pet to another individual.

If a suitable owner is not found, SOFA personnel can contact Karing Kennels or the Okinawan American Animal Rescue Society. Both organizations seek homes for unwanted pets.

These guidelines have been set in order to maintain the safety of pets and people, said Anna Eklund, vice president of Okinawan American Animal Rescue Society. "Giving your pets the care they need helps ensure a healthy, loving pet for many years to come."

Further information on local ordinances and rules, as well as recommendations concerning pet ownership, are available at local municipal offices.

For more information on veterinary services offered on Okinawa, visit www.usarj.army.mil/organization/vet/ or call 959-1300.

For more information on finding a home for an unwanted pet, visit www.kadenaservices.com/pets.html or call 959-2944 for Karing Kennels, or visit the OAARS Web site at www.oaars.com.

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the environment and the welfare of Australia could be severe."

For AQIS, the process entails a detailed disassembling of vehicles and equipment. Once completely apart, every piece, no matter how big or small, must be washed and sprayed down before being inspected.

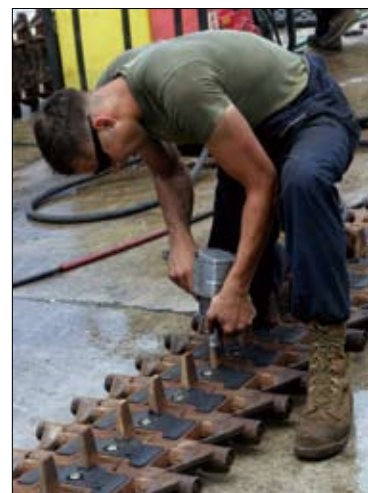
"We have four shifts to ensure we will complete the job and ensure the Marines and sailors are also given enough rest," said 1st Lt. Brian G. Colby, the logistics officer for Battalion Landing Team 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 31st MEU.

Although there are multiple inspections needed for completion, the process is essential for making a smooth transition into Australia. With their upcoming transit with the forward deployed USS Essex Amphibious Ready Group, the MEU is hard-pressed to complete and pass their inspection before loading the ships.

"We are required to do it now because once we get on ship we will no longer have the resources to complete it," Colby said. "Not only is it important from the inspectors' point of view, but it helps us so there is less to worry about once we get to Australia."

Marines and sailors from BLT 3/5 are working around the clock to make sure the process will be completed today. Meanwhile, the field portion of Exercise Talisman Saber is scheduled to begin in July.

As the 31st MEU completes its AQIS requirements today, the Marines and sailors remain focused in preparing for their deployment to Australia and working with the "Aussies" during Exercise Talisman Saber 2009.



Cpl. Sean Harfield, an amphibious assault vehicle crew chief with 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, bolts the tracks of an AAV together for an Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service inspection May 13. Photo by Lance Cpl. Michael A. Bianco

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Japanese culture to life with their colorful costumes and animated dance. The Wu long Dragon Dance, the iconic feature for Chinese heritage, showcased a brightly colored paper dragon puppeteer by LMS students.

Polynesian culture was represented by steppers performing 'Stepping with a Hula Flavor' while the Ke Aloha Polynesian Dancers, composed of students from Amelia Earhart Intermediate School, swayed to different rhythms while performing several dances, giving the audience a visual flavor of Polynesian heritage.

"I like to be invited everywhere, and I love to spread knowledge of the

culture every opportunity I get," said Leilani K. Alvarado, manager of the Ke Aloha Polynesian dancers. "Not all of us are Pacific Islanders, but I think it's important for all of us to learn about where Pacific Islanders came from."

Later, the LMS Filipino Dance Group and several others represented Philippine culture through Filipino folk dances including the Tinikling, the national dance of the Philippines.

The Tinikling involves beating, sliding and clapping two bamboo poles on the ground while one or more dancers step over and in between the poles in rhythm with music.

"We like to showcase our kids' talents and let them celebrate their

own heritage," Delaney said. "I was extremely impressed with all the kids."

After the program came to a close the cultural celebration continued as the performers intermingled and enjoyed native food and drinks.

The buffet included many dishes of Asian cuisine represented during the program, such as Thai beef salad, Japanese sushi and a Filipino desert, called Bibingka.

The food was provided by several parents who wanted to make their own contribution to help children spread cultural awareness on Lester.

"It's important to remember our heritage and the month of May gives us time to do that," Alvarado said.

BRIEFS**OFF LIMITS ESTABLISHMENTS**

Ryukyu Body Piercing Studio is no longer off limits to military members, civilian personnel, family members and personnel attached permanently or in temporary duty status with III Marine Expeditionary Force and Marine Corps Bases Japan units.

Off limits establishments still in effect for Base and III MEF personnel include Club Hideaway, Shampoo, the Ground Tobacco Shop and all events hosted by Parties International.

U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL REDUCED SERVICE HOURS

U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa and its branch clinics will have reduced services on Friday due to a change of command.

Administrative and walk-in services such as Outpatient Records, Birth Registrations, Billing Office and immunization clinics will be closed.

Emergency care will still be available in the Emergency Department. Clinic and surgical appointments previously scheduled for that day will stay as scheduled.

For questions or concerns, contact the appropriate clinic or the U.S. Naval Hospital Public Affairs Office at 643-7643.

NEW MILITARY ONE SOURCE OKINAWA HOTLINE

The Military One Source Hotline is now available by dialing 145 from any installation telephone on Okinawa.

Trained consultants are available to provide confidential resources and support around the clock, including crisis intervention services for individuals in distress. Military One Source is a 24/7 resource for the Military Community, and is provided at no cost by the Department of Defense.

Please contact MCCS Personal Services Center at 645-2104 for more information.

SEXUAL ASSAULT ONLINE SURVEY

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5th ANGLICO receives new CO

Lance Cpl. Antwain J. Graham

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CAMP HANSEN — Lt. Col. Clifford J. Weinstein gave his final salute to the company colors before passing his duties as commanding officer of 5th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company to Maj. Per D. Hurst during a change of command ceremony May 29.

Weinstein is scheduled to attend the Advanced Operational Art Studies Fellowship in Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Hurst, who previously served as the company's executive officer, came to 5th ANGLICO in June 2008 after attending the Tactical Air Control Party School at Expeditionary Warfare Training Group Pacific in Coronado, Calif.

Hurst's military career began when he reported to basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Training Depot Parris Island, S.C., in May 1993. The following summer he completed his military occupational specialty training as an infantry assaultman in Jacksonville, N.C.

In fall 1994, Hurst deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for Operation Sea Signal.



Weinstein



Hurst

In August 1996, he was commissioned a second lieutenant.

Hurst reported to Marine Aviation Training Support Group 21 in Pensacola, Fla. where he became a basic helicopter pilot in June 1999.

He completed CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter pilot training at Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton, Calif. He then reported to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 165 at MCAS Miramar, Calif. in December 2000.

During his five-and-a-half years with HMM-165, Hurst served in various billets, including flightline officer and quality assurance officer. He

also deployed once in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In August 2005, Hurst reported to HMM-164 at Camp Pendleton for instructor training in the CH-46E. Here he served as the NATOPS Officer, Director of Safety and Standardization, and as the NATOPS Program Manager for the CH-46E.

Hurst's personal decorations include four Air Medals with three for valor, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.



Lt. Gen. Keith J. Stalder, left, commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific, shakes hands with Lt. Col. Clifford J. Weinstein, outgoing commanding officer, 5th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, III Marine Headquarters Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, May 29, at 5th ANGLICO's change of command ceremony on the parade deck of Camp Hansen. Stalder, whose headquarters is in Hawaii, visited Okinawa May 27-29 to meet with III MEF commanders and staff. Stalder also attended the Marine Corps Aviation Association awards dinner May 29.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Claudia Palacios

Safety officials stress bicycle safety on Marine Corps Bases on Okinawa

Lance Cpl. Jeffrey Cordero

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

CAMP FOSTER — With the summer season underway, safety officials across Okinawa continue to stress the importance of safety practices for bicycle riders island-wide.

"We want to eliminate bicycle mishaps, especially during the critical days of summer where the total number of mishaps tend to increase," said Forrest Williams, lead safety and occupational health specialist with Camp Foster Base Safety Office.

One of the major concerns with bicycle safety pertains to cyclists not wearing helmets. Many bikers either don't wear helmets or don't properly secure the chin straps, according to Williams.

"In order for it to work, the helmet must fit snug and squarely on top of the rider's head, and the chin strap must remain fastened at all times," said Lt. Cmdr. Paul Treadway, the director of safety for 3rd Marine Logistics Group.

According to Marine Corps Order 5100.19E, riders must wear approved helmets while riding their bicycles on all Marine Corps installations.

While riding on a Marine Corps installation, only children 12 and younger can use sidewalks. Japanese law also has strict guidelines specifically, sidewalk cycling is limited to people younger than 13-years-old and older than 70.

"Service members and their families must be aware of the laws on and off base," Williams said.

According to the order, it is prohibited to wear portable headphones, earphones, or other listening devices while operating a motor vehicle or while jogging, walking, skating, skateboarding or bicycling on streets on Marine Corps installations.

"The use of headphones reduces situational awareness," Williams said. "It is a serious detriment to a rider."

Base safety officials advise riders to be aware of their surroundings, especially traffic.

"Use hand and arms signals at all times," Wil-

liams said. "Make sure not to make any sudden or rapid movements (when in traffic)."

Furthermore, riders must ensure the bicycle is equipped with reflectors visible from the front and back and also attached to the wheels when riding in times of limited visibility, such as nighttime or during inclement weather. The wearing of reflective equipment generally applies during the hours between evening and morning colors. Safety specialists recommend using bright-colored clothing, headlights and backlights to reduce the possibility of an accident.

"Always put safety first," Williams said. "Always make sure to have proper equipment and ride safely."

Riders who choose to disregard the base laws could end up with a minor offense report. Disregarding Japanese law could result in more serious legal action.

For more information on safety regulations, contact your installations base safety office.

Schwab relatives come to Okinawa, visit namesake base

Pfc. J Nava

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

It has been almost 65 years since 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, landed on the shores of Okinawa, Japan. During the bloody battle that ensued, seemingly average young men became heroes in the face of immense danger.

Among them was 24-year-old Pfc. Albert E. Schwab, a flame thrower operator who single-handedly destroyed two machine gun emplacements in order to allow his fellow Marines a chance to advance.

While in the process of laying siege to the second emplacement, Schwab received fatal wounds from enemy fire. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his brave actions.

This past Memorial Day weekend, three of Schwab's nieces and nephews, all from Tulsa, Okla., visited his namesake camp, Camp Schwab, for the first time.

"It has been a lifelong

dream for us to come here," said Jeff Carlson, one of Schwab's nephews. "It's overwhelming and very humbling to finally be here."

The three siblings spent their childhood years hearing stories about their uncle's heroism, said Janie Brady, Schwab's niece.

"It was always important to our family to know what it meant to be a hero," she said.

The siblings' parents did not talk much about the war, said Jim Carlson, Schwab's other nephew.

"But the stories we did hear, were about our uncle, and they helped instill a sense of honor in us," he explained.

"Mom was 14-years-old when her big brother (Schwab) went off to war," Jeff said. "She idolized her brother. In her eyes he could do no wrong."

While attending a wreath-laying ceremony at their uncle's grave in Tulsa last year, they met Sgt. William Edwards, a former Marine with 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Ma-



Jim Carlson, left, Janie Brady, center and Jeff Carlson, right, hold up 4th Marine Regiment's Medal of Honor for Pfc. Albert E. Schwab, on Camp Schwab, May 24. This was the three siblings' first time visiting Camp Schwab, which was named in honor of their uncle. Photo by Pfc. J Nava

rine Expeditionary Force.

Edwards, who was previously stationed on Camp Schwab was training reserve units in Oklahoma and helped the three plan their trip and arrange for transportation to Okinawa.

"It was the right thing to do to get them here to pay tribute to their uncle," said Edwards, a Fredericksburg, Va., native, while on island with the siblings.

The three siblings spent

the weekend at Schwab-Fest, touring the base and getting to know the Marine Corps way of life.

It has been the journey of a lifetime for them, Jeff said.

The fact their uncle is still remembered and revered by Marines is good to know, he added.

"He (Schwab) is a treasure whose memory needs to stay alive," Brady said. "We're so proud to be part of his family."



Pfc. Albert E. Schwab was a flame thrower operator with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, during the invasion of Okinawa in 1945.

Official USMC photo

Special Patrol Insertion/Extraction Rigging

Photos by Pfc. J Nava

The Marines of Company A, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, experience every aspect of SPIE rigging training.



The Marines hang from a Special Patrol Insertion/Extraction Rigging attached to a CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter during SPIE rigging training, April 30.



Sgt. Christopher Link, a team leader with Company A, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, slides out of a CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter during fast rope training, April 30.

The Marines give the thumbs up signal to show they are ready to take off during Special Patrol Insertion/Extraction rigging training, April 30. SPIE rigging is used to quickly insert and extract Marines where landing an aircraft is impractical or impossible.

The Marines fast rope out a CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter and provide security around the insertion point during training, April 30.





Glimpse of Hope

Story and photos by Lance Cpl. Stefanie C. Pupkiewicz

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Cambodians receive much needed medical, dental, vision



United States Agency for International Development sponsored local nongovernmental organizations to set up informational displays on temple grounds providing health information to waiting patients. An avian flu display station passed out hats to raise awareness on the issue.

The provincial roads in Pursat, Cambodia, are unfit and at 1 a.m. On the morning of May 19, a woman on a motorbike with her sick infant in one arm rumbled down a two-lane road.

She still has another hour's distance to cover before she reaches Wat Bakan, the district Buddhist temple, to receive treatment from the U.S. and Royal Cambodian Armed Forces at a combined medical and dental civil action project.

Her name is Chera and she arrives early knowing she will have to wait six more hours before the vans transporting the U.S. service members arrive and patient care begins for the day.

Despite her long journey and hardship, she could do nothing but smile and thank the service members for eventually helping her and her child.

Chera's story is just one of the 12,333 patient stories told to

sailors from 3rd Medical Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, along with Royal Cambodian Armed Forces doctors and medics providing medical, dental and vision care during Cambodia Interoperability Program 2009.

The operation began May 11 with a goal to see 1,000 patients a day during the 10-day mission. By the eighth day, the medical and dental civil action project reached the 10,000 patient mark.

Prior to the start of CIP '09, medical and dental civil action program planners coordinated with local nongovernmental organizations associated with the United States Agency for International Development to provide health education on everything

from safe sex to preventing the spread of avian flu.

When the project wrapped up May 20, Brig. Gen. William Faulkner, the commanding general of 3rd MLG, arrived on site for the closing ceremony and to express his pride in his Marines and sailors for their hard work.

"The operation has been a complete success and has strengthened the relationship between the United States and the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces," Faulkner said.

Throughout the program, the interoperability between both countries' service members was apparent in all areas of the operation, from the U.S. Navy hospital corpsmen working alongside RCAF medics, to the U.S. Navy doctors



Children from the school next to the temple and the children of the patients waiting in line play with each other on the temple grounds. They were very curious and keen to interact with the Marines and sailors of 3rd Medical Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group.

ion assistance

relatively deserted motorbike clutching the highway.

working general triage side by side with the RCAF doctors.

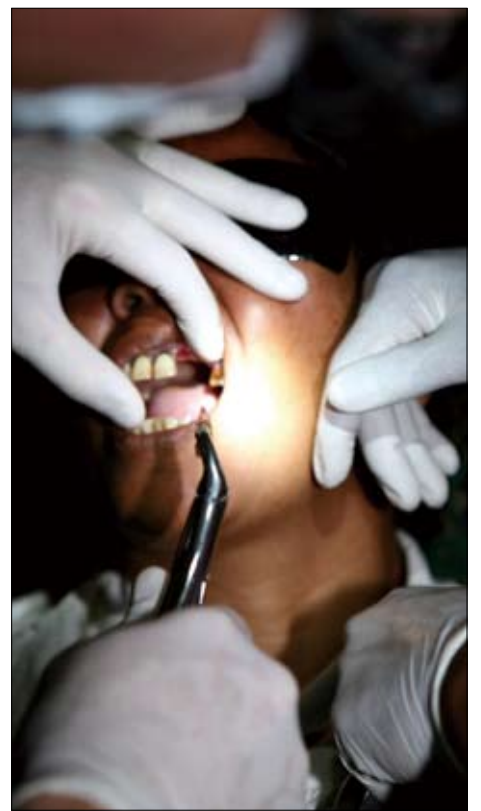
"The U.S. Navy optometrists worked especially close to the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces ophthalmologist," said U.S. Navy Lt. Robert Senko, an optometrist with 3rd Med. Bn. "The U.S. optometrists triaged the patients and provided them with eye exams and glasses while the Royal Cambodian ophthalmologist removed cataracts and pterygiums obstructing the patients' vision."

The mission was fulfilling for all involved because the fruits of their labor were immediately apparent, according to Petty Officer 3rd Class Christopher Barrett, a hospital corpsman with 3rd Med. Bn.

"I know we are taking out



Above: A young patient is held by his mother while a U.S. Navy hospital corpsman with 3rd Medical Battalion, checks his pulse. Thousands of children were seen during the 10-day Cambodia Interoperability Program 2009 medical and dental civil action program. Many of them were suffering from infections and typical childhood ailments. Right: Dentists and dental technicians with 3rd Medical Battalion, removed hundreds of teeth during the program. Dental saw an average of 100-150 patients everyday for dental surgery.



Petty Officer 3rd Class Pinch Santos, a hospital corpsman with 3rd Medical Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, takes blood pressure reading of a Buddhist monk during the Cambodia Interoperability Program 2009. Thousands of people came from all over the province to receive medical care from the combined U.S. and Royal Cambodian Armed Forces.

teeth, but I can see their happiness because they are out of pain. Pain that they have been in for a long time," said U.S. Navy Lt. Thomas Stinchfield, a dentist with 3rd Med. Bn.

In addition to pulling out infected teeth, the dental section of the project provided oral hygiene instruction to the Cambodians so they could take proper care of their remaining teeth.

Many of the people who received care had never seen a doctor, according to U.S. Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Bunthoeun Ham, the translator for 3rd Med. Bn.

"Most of the Cambodians treat their conditions and symptoms with medicinal plants that they grow," Ham said.

The medical and dental care offered by the service members was limited, but patients were referred to local free medical services.

"One of the things we have been doing is introducing a lot of the patients to some of the services available to them. These include malaria care, pregnancy care, and tuberculosis care that is available to them free of charge," said U.S. Navy Lt. Ryan Brown, a medical officer with 3rd Med. Bn.

"Many of the Cambodians were unaware of the existence of these programs."

"We treat what we can here, and really, it's just a lot of smiling faces," said Brown.

Meanwhile, personnel from 3rd Med. Bn. are scheduled to deploy to Bangladesh this summer for another medical and dental civil action project.

Additionally, the government of Cambodia is expecting the return of U.S. Marines and sailors when combat engineers from Marine Wing Support Squadron 172 arrive for an engineering civil action project with the RCAF.

His parents fled for their lives, he flew in to help

Story and photos by Lance Cpl. Stefanie C. Pupkiewicz

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Marine meets extended family while deployed in Cambodia

An hour and a half outside of Phnom Penh, the capital city of Cambodia, a man in a cowboy hat wearing a blue surgical mask waits anxiously as a van pulls up.

One of the passengers is his nephew, Bunthoeun Ham, whose parents fled Cambodia in the 1970's to escape the bloody and violent hand of the Khmer Rouge and the civil wars that followed its fall from power.

The van arrives and the man in the cowboy hat, Moun Ey, approaches his nephew and sweeps him into an embrace that leaves no doubt they are family, even though this is their first time meeting.

Ham is a petty officer 3rd class in the U.S. Navy who served as the Khmer translator for the 3rd Medical Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, during the Cambodia Interoperability Program 2009.

It was the combination of good timing and eavesdropping that got Ham, a personnel specialist with the personnel support detachment, CLR 37, 3rd MLG, his place on the 3rd Medical Battalion deployment to Cambodia as their translator and ultimately his opportunity to meet the family that his parents had forlornly left behind.

In November, Ham arrived on Okinawa for his second tour and while checking in he overheard Petty Officer 1st Class Mark Craig, who was one of the coordinators for the Cambodia Interoperability Program 2009, speaking about 3rd Medical Battalion's deployment to Cambodia. Ham inserted himself into the conversation and vouched for his credentials as a native speaker.

Ham did not hear anything for a few months but followed the recommendations of Craig to get his passport and medical records in order

then he was contacted by Craig, followed by a phone call in Khmer. On the other end was Maj. John Cherry, the Cambodian foreign affairs officer for the III Marine Expeditionary Force. Cherry asked Ham a few questions and the stuttering petty officer replied in Khmer, receiving a stamp of approval from Cherry.

Within weeks he was touching down in Phnom Penh with a plane full of Marines and sailors who had no ability to speak the language. A language that he had spoken his entire life, but when he stepped off the plane he was anxious about how good his Khmer was.

He didn't have the opportunity to avoid his role as translator. The officials from the airport who were processing the passports of the service members recognized his name as Khmer and sought him out.

Ham felt shy and stuttered a bit during his first Khmer exchange, he said.

But, he got used to it quickly. Over the next two weeks, he was immersed in the culture and language that he had always known was his but had never truly experienced, Ham said.

The Cambodia that Ham found was not the Cambodia that his parents left behind. Their Cambodia was victim to constant gun battles, the sounds of which echoed almost constantly across the rice paddies.

The refugees would move about in large groups and Ham's parents told him, "You just stayed in the middle and tried not to get shot."

Ham's visit to the Killing Fields, where thousands of Cambodians were killed during the brutal reign of the Khmer Rouge made Ham realize the sheer scale of the horrors his parents endured, he said. But, the people of Cambodia have recovered from those horrors.

Phnom Penh is a budding metropolis filled with new con-

struction and motorbikes that seem to drive with little caution. The provinces, where the medical and dental civil action project occurred and his family live are developing.

"You see growth everywhere, and I know there is plenty of room for more," Ham said.

The medical and dental civil action project was deeply rewarding for him, Ham said.

In Khmer, people are referred to as older brother or older sister instead of sir or ma'am, so, for Ham, that meant he was helping the members of his very large extended family, he said.

It was his meeting with his actual family though that moved him to tears because of all of the sacrifices that his parents made to ensure that he and his siblings had a better life. He took special liberty to be able to visit them and see all the sights. The visit allowed him to see the life that he would have had if his parents hadn't left, Ham said.

The visit to his parents' villages took careful navigation on narrow roads and then further navigation on foot through the rice paddies to meet everyone.

An afternoon at the sea with his father's family wrapped up the day for Ham and his family. They parted ways thinking it was his last opportunity to see them.

But the next day, after a morning of sightseeing in Phnom Penh, Ham returned to the hotel only to have a Cambodian woman approach him with a strangely familiar face.

Alin, Ham's cousin, waited almost five hours in the lobby of the hotel for him to come back. She had never met or seen him before but her family had said that he looked identical to her father, she said.

She was incredibly anxious and a little scared waiting for Ham to come back from his sight seeing, she said. The hotel staff informed

her when he walked in and he was all the way across the lobby and almost into the elevator before she mustered up the courage to speak to her American cousin.

The two spent the next two days getting to know more about each other and exploring Phnom Penh.

It felt good to let Alin experience the city as a tourist with the leisure to eat from food vendors and experience her culture, Ham said. She normally works seven days a week with no days off so that she and her husband can afford to eat and live in their modest apartment.

Ham says that he misses his family now that he has returned to Okinawa, and hopes to be able to return to Cambodia in his role as translator again. His ability to help the Cambodian people and reconnect with his family made his job with 3rd Medical Battalion rewarding.



Vouch Nap grips the arm of her great nephew, Petty Officer 3rd Class Bunthoeun Ham, the Khmer translator for 3rd Medical Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, during his deployment to Cambodia for a medical and dental civil action project.

Diary of a Survivor

Sailors, Marines put survival skills to the test

Story and photos by Lance Cpl. Paul D. Zellner II

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

May 10, 5:30 a.m. -

Bivouac site 2A. I arrived at the bivouac site as the Marines and sailors of 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, were setting up their campsite. They didn't realize this was just temporary and there wouldn't be tents where they were going. After the campsite was set up, the students played cards, ate MRE's and joined in on a game with a hacky sack I made from a shirt, pebbles and electrical

tape. This will be our last night with cigarettes, dip and more importantly, food. I was put with team three, which was led by a sailor named Aquino, but we called him 'chief'. He introduced me to the rest of the team: Carter, Morton and Vanhorn, also sailors. After my radio watch, I lay awake listening to the wilderness. It begins to drizzle as clouds pass over the full moon. This may be a sign of a storm to come.

Seaman Sid Anthony Aquino, a hospital corpsman with 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, stokes his teams fire with small kindling to keep it going.



May 13, 5:30 a.m. -

Dawn breaks, and it was time to tear down camp and get ready for land navigation. We were given a grid coordinate, rope and a compass and sent on our way. We blazed our own trails at times. The mountainsides were so steep at some points we either fell or pulled ourselves up using trees. We finally came to a road that led us to our objective point, cleverly named 3rd World Village.

Once again we set up

camp. Not even three hours later we had a fire burning, our hammocks up, built meat drying racks and sock drying racks as well as two long sticks serving as a clothes hanger set up. Vanhorn set a trap a couple hundred meters from our camp while Morton made a fishing pole out of bamboo and the insides of 550 cord. He caught two small fish for baiting the trap. However, the only food we end up with is leftovers from yesterday's meal.

May 14, 6 a.m. -

We gathered at the bottom of the mountain for a talk from Lt. Col. Thomas Goessman, the commanding officer of Jungle Warfare Training Center. He tells us we will be staying until Sunday instead of Friday. Some students got upset because of the hunger, others thought it was a joke and the rest were in denial. Directly after the talk, we learned we had to move our campsite because it has been compromised. My team had no problem with this.

Without hesitation, we moved to another location. Chief looks at us and says, "Ya good?" This had become an inside joke, because he asks us this every two hours, so we all laughed and replied, "Yeah, chief. We're good." We had just started to relax when Vanhorn pulled what I thought were rags out of his bag. He tied a bandana on his head and threw one to

the rest to us. There was something that motivated all of us about it, maybe the feeling that we're all in it together.

The instructors begin yelling from the bottom of the mountain for us to come down. They had a fire-building challenge for us. The first team to build a fire big enough to burn through the 550 cord hanging four feet in the air would win a chicken.

This is not for fun. In our minds, it was a savage race for the next meal. As we walked up to our space an instructor says, "Here come the bandana bandits." We laugh as our instructor pulls his own bandana out of his pocket causing everyone to burst into laughter. "It's all in the bandana," he says.

Our team won second place and the second biggest chicken. We head back to camp with a new name, a little motivation and a meal.



The Ka-Bar and fire played significant roles in the survival of each team. The knife was used to chop wood, cut 550 cord and clean animals in preparation for eating. Drying clothes, cooking food and creating warmth were the benefits of maintaining the fire.

May 12, 6 a.m. -

The first two days were classes on the basics of jungle survival. Our breakfast this morning was no ordinary meal; our food was still alive, and it was our job to show the instructors we paid attention in class. A couple of small rabbits and two small chickens poke around in a laundry basket, while a small Habu snake lies in a box. One by one, we killed, skinned, cut up and cooked our food. This was our last meal before going into the jungle.

We then tested our knowledge as our groups went separately into the jungle to survive with only each other, certain items in our assault packs and the close watch of an instructor. After a short hike, we found our campsite.

We each picked two trees we would use as the anchors for our hammocks and began stringing our poncho liners. Our tarps served as shelter from rain that seemed to fall only at night. Finding dry wood was our toughest challenge for the coming night.



Seamen Michael Carter and Nicholas Morton, hospital corpsmen with 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, talk about the day while shaving wood chips that will be used as kindling to start a fire.

May 15, 6 a.m. -

Our instructor wakes us up with some good news. We will be going home today after all, but this is no big deal because we know we are survivors. We packed up camp and headed back to our original bivouac site, where we received a brief: 'pack and return home.' The journey is over but the learning has just begun.

"From this day on it is up to you to continue learning," said Goessman. "This training was the basics of what one day could save your lives."

Silent take-down

Marines conduct beach assault training

Story and photos by Pfc. Aaron Hostutler
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

It's a quiet night by the beach. Waves crash along the shore and a full moon reflects off the frigid water. Sentries armed with semi-automatic rifles feel they have full control of the night.

However, they are oblivious to the fact they are being watched by Marines waiting just a few meters away in the cold ocean water. The Marines are waiting for the opportune moment to strike. Suddenly, a plane flies overhead as a cloud blocks the moonlight, and the Marines attack.

Marines participating in a Scout Swimmers Course May 18 at the Kin Red training area outside of Camp Hansen, learned how to handle similar situations without being detected.

Special Operations Training Group,

III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF, conducted the course, which ran from May 7-21.

"Today we're doing clandestine beach securing," an instructor said. "Basically, we're showing these Marines how to take a beach without being detected."

Throughout the course, Marines from III MEF units including 7th Communications Battalion and 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, Ground Combat Element, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit learned silent take downs, knife techniques, camouflage, how to properly provide security on the beach and signal the awaiting raid force.

They put the knowledge to work as they practiced taking a dock at Kin Red. Zodiacs dropped a team consisting of about six Marines approximately 100 meters from their objective.

The team divided into groups of two and approached the objective from different angles, clearing any land masses where an enemy sentry could be posted.

The Marines pushed forward to the first identifiable terrain feature on land using hand signals to communicate, constantly covering each other's

backs. After securing the dock, the instructor gave the Marines feedback on what was done right and what could have been done better.

"We're the first ones in and the last ones out," said Lance Cpl. Bidal Duran, a SAW gunner with 3rd squad, 2nd platoon, Company I, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, Ground Combat Element, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. "It's important for us to know what we're doing."

In addition to the various tactics and techniques learned throughout the course, Marines were also subject to rigorous swimming qualifications preparing them for what may lie ahead of them in the future.

"It was very physically demanding," Duran said. "I can't even begin to tell you how much I have swam since the beginning of the course."

Among the swimming requirements for the course is a two-kilometer swim, which must be completed in less than one hour in order to pass the course.

The Marines train hard during this course so when the scenario becomes real, and the moon comes back from behind the clouds, the Marines are the ones with full control of the beach.



Lance Cpl. Demas Williams, an engineer with Special Operations Training Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF, provides security while Lance Cpl. Drew Barter, a rifleman with Company I, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Ground Combat Element, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, climbs to the top of a simulated sentry post during a scout swimmers course May 18 at training area Kin Red just outside of Camp Hansen. During the course, Marines learned how to secure a beach without being detected.



Lance Cpl. Bidal Duran, a SAW gunner with Company I, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, Ground Combat Element, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, goes over the plan of attack with his team during a scout swimmers course May 18 at Kin Red, a training area outside of Camp Hansen.

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SATURDAY Up (PG), Noon and 3 p.m.; X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG13), 6 p.m.; Observe and Report (R), 9 p.m.

SUNDAY Up (PG), 1 and 4 p.m.; X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG13), 7 p.m.

MONDAY Terminator Salvation: The Future Begins (PG13), 7 p.m.

TUESDAY Terminator Salvation: The Future Begins (PG13), 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 12 Rounds (PG13), 7 p.m.

THURSDAY Up (PG), 7 p.m.

KADENA 634-1869

TODAY Terminator Salvation: The Future Begins (PG13), 6 and 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY Closed

SUNDAY Closed

MONDAY Up (PG), 7 p.m.

TUESDAY Up (PG), 7 p.m.

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THURSDAY Angels & Demons (PG13), 7 p.m.

FUTENMA 636-3890

TODAY Closed

SATURDAY Closed

SUNDAY Closed

MONDAY Closed

TUESDAY Closed

WEDNESDAY Closed

THURSDAY Closed

COURTNEY 622-9616

TODAY Up (PG), 5:30 and 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY Monsters Vs. Aliens (PG), 2 p.m.; Adventureland (R), 7 p.m.

SUNDAY Angels & Demons (PG13), 7 p.m.

MONDAY Adventureland (R), 7 p.m.

TUESDAY Closed

WEDNESDAY Terminator Salvation: The Future Begins (PG13), 7 p.m.

THURSDAY Closed

HANSEN 623-4564

TODAY Observe & Report (R), 6 p.m.; 12 Rounds (PG13), 9 p.m.

SATURDAY Angels & Demons (PG13), 6 p.m.; Observe & Report (R), 9 p.m.

SUNDAY Knowing (PG13), 2 p.m.; 12 Rounds (R), 5:30 p.m.

MONDAY X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG13), 7 p.m.

TUESDAY Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG), 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY Observe & Report (R), 7 p.m.

THURSDAY 12 Rounds (R), 7 p.m.

KINSER 637-2177

TODAY Inkheart (PG), 3 p.m.; Observe & Report (R), 6:30 p.m.

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SUNDAY Hotels for Dogs (PG), 3 p.m.; Star Trek (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY Angels & Demons (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY Fast & Furious 2009 (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY Up (PG), 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY Knowing (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

SCHWAB 625-2333

TODAY Angels & Demons (PG13), 7 p.m.

SATURDAY Fast & Furious 2009 (PG13), 5 p.m.

SUNDAY Adventureland (R), 5 p.m.

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- **Gospel:** Sun., 11:30 a.m.
- **Hindu:** Sat., 3:30 p.m.
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- **Seventh Day Adventist:** Sat., 10 a.m.

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- **Protestant:** Sun., 11:30 a.m.

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- **Protestant:** Sun., 9:30 a.m.

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- **Gospel:** Chapel 3; Sunday School, 8:45 a.m., Bldg. 856
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- **Protestant:** Sun., 10:30 a.m.
- **Traditional:** Chapel 2; Sun., 10:30 a.m.
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- **Protestant:** Sun., 11 a.m., W. Chapel

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- **Protestant:** Sun., 9 a.m., Hospital Chapel Sun., 10 a.m., Lester Chapel

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- **Protestant:** Sun., 6 p.m.

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Olympic Community

District marks 36 years of annual games

Story and photos by Lance Cpl. Thomas W. Provost
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

In ancient times, the city-states of ancient Greece called for a truce to all wars and conflicts to mark the beginning of the annual Olympic Games where individuals and teams from across the ancient world gathered to test their physical abilities through sporting events such as running, weight lifting and wrestling.

Similar to Olympic Games that took place thousands of years ago, the 36th annual Henoko District Citizen's Track and Field Meet Sports Day was held, Sunday, in this historical and friendly competition for a day of fun and to show their strength in unity as a community.

"This is the showcase of our harmony," said Yasumasa Oshiro, the district mayor of Henoko.

The day hosted over 1,200 participating athletes and included athletic events ranging from the 80-meter dash to a tire-balance relay and a husband-wife relay.

For the last 36 years, the citizens from all 12 sections of Henoko have gathered, as the city states of Greece did long ago, to celebrate this tradition. Of the 12 sections that make up the Henoko District, Camp Schwab is considered the 11th section along with

the Okinawa College of Technology.

With the other sections providing athletes for the events, Camp Schwab cordially sent their team to represent the 11th section. Camp Schwab is the only military installation that is considered part of a community on Okinawa, according to Oshiro.

The Marines of Camp Schwab involve themselves with the Henoko community in many ways to include beach clean ups, dragon boat races, Henoko's giant tug-of-war and the annual Henoko District Citizen's Track and Field Meet Sports Day.

"The thing that is unique about Henoko and Camp Schwab is that I don't know of any other community that really opens itself up to its military neighbors like Henoko does," said Sam H. Epperson, an honorary Henoko friendship council member and Henoko resident who has



Katsue Akari, a resident of Henoko's seventh section, motivates and cheers on the athletes of her native section with a beat of a drum Sunday, during the 36th annual Henoko District Citizen's Track and Field Meet Sports Day. Every year the residents of Henoko come together in friendly competition for a day of fun and to show their strength in unity as a community.

been doing the English translations at community events for more than 20 years.

The final standings at the end of the day stood with section two of Henoko taking first place for the fifth year in a row with the Marines and sailors from Camp Schwab coming in at 11th place.

According to Oshiro, the district of Henoko will continue this annual event forever promoting and showcasing the communities' harmony of all its residents.



Couples dash down the track during the 400 meter husband-wife relay Sunday, during the 36th annual Henoko District Citizen's Track and Field Meet Sports Day. Every year the residents of Henoko come together in friendly competition for a day of fun and to show their strength in unity as a community.